

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A semi-transmission type polarizer comprising:

a semi-transmissible reflector comprising a light-transmissible polymer substrate uniaxially drawn to have uniaxial orientation characteristic, and a semi-transmissible reflection layer formed directly on said light-transmissible polymer substrate, and

a polarizer stuck onto said semi-transmissible reflector,

wherein the angle between a retardation axis of said light-transmissible polymer substrate in said semi-transmissible reflector and an absorption axis of said polarizer is not larger than 9 degrees.

2. (currently amended): A ~~semi-transmissible reflector~~ semi-transmission type polarizer according to claim 1, wherein said semi-transmissible reflection layer is made of a metal vapor-deposited film or metal thin film having light transmissibility.

3-4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended): A liquid-crystal display device comprising a liquid-crystal cell, at least one semi-transmission type polarizer defined in Claim ~~3 or 4~~ 1 and disposed on at least one of opposite surfaces of said liquid-crystal cell, and a backlight having polarizing characteristic and combined with said semi-transmission type polarizer.

6. (previously presented): A liquid-crystal display device according to claim 5, wherein the

backlight comprises a reflection polarizing element.

7. (currently amended): A semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer according to claim 3, wherein, when polarized light is incident on at least one surface of said semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer, the light transmitted through said semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer is reduced by at most 10%, as compared to incident polarized light.

8. (previously presented): A semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer according to claim 7, wherein the light transmitted through said semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer is reduced by at most 5%.

9. (previously presented): A semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer according to claim 8, wherein the light transmitted through said semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer is not reduced by more than 1%.

10. (currently amended): A semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer according to claim 3, wherein the angle between a retardation axis of said light-transmissible polymer substrate in said semi-transmissible reflector and an absorption axis of said polarizer is not larger than 6.4 degrees.

11. (currently amended): A semi-transmissible reflector type polarizer according to claim 3, wherein the angle between a retardation axis of said light-transmissible polymer substrate in said semi-transmissible reflector and an absorption axis of said polarizer is not larger than 2.8 degrees.

12. (canceled)